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TO : Chief, COAPS

DATE: 7 MAR 1950

FROM : Assistant Director for Reports and Estimates

SUBJECT: Interdepartmental Committee on Psychological Intelligence

Attached hereto is this Office's proposed reply to Mr. Armstrong's letter of 15 February 1950. In view of the facts cited in paragraphs 3 and 4 of our proposed reply, this Office urges that a reply be made to Mr. Armstrong rather than to await action on NSC-59.


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Attachment

Copy of Mr. Armstrong's letter

Proposed reply to Mr. Armstrong's letter

State Dept. review completed

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Special Assistant to the Secretary of State
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February 15, 1950

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Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

Reference is made to your memorandum of January 13, 1950, proposing the formation of an intelligence committee to support the interdepartmental organization called for under NSC-59.

As I wrote you on October 7, 1949, the Department of State recognizes that there will be need for interdepartmental consideration of the intelligence aspects of the Foreign Information Program and Planning for Overt Psychological Warfare, in respect both to the planning of intelligence organization and the production of supporting intelligence itself.

I am sure you realize that intelligence is only one of the several important aspects to be fitted together in the NSC-59 program. While anxious to cooperate with you on this matter, and to establish a sound basis for intelligence support of the NSC-59 Program, the Department believes that it is premature to establish such a committee before NSC-59 has been approved, and before terms of reference for the committee can be worked out in relation to the NSC-59 organization.

The Director of the NSC-59 organization, whom, we understand, the intelligence sub-committee will support, will undoubtedly wish to discuss with you the terms of reference and membership of any such committee.

Sincerely,

/s/ W. Park Armstrong, Jr.

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Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter

Director of Central Intelligence

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